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December 16, 2016

Mr. Patrick Devlin, President
Detroit Community Schools Board of Directors
12675 Burt Road
Detroit, Michigan 48223

Re: Detroit Community Schools CPA 16-1

Dear Mr. Devlin:

Your board's appeal of the Department's first-level decision to impose a state aid penalty based on a finding of the use of noncertified administrators has been forwarded to me, as I have been appointed by the State Superintendent to serve as his designee in this matter. I would like to offer you the opportunity to present your appeal in one of the following two manners.

If it is your preference to present the appeal in person, I will schedule a public review conference that will be conducted by me and will be held in Lansing. The review conference is informal and is not a hearing. For your convenience, the review conference also can be held by way of a conference call. A representative from the Detroit Community Schools and members of the Michigan Department of Education would be expected to attend the review conference, and any other interested person may attend. If you will be represented by an attorney, please have the attorney file an appearance with this office at least two weeks in advance of the review conference. That will allow time for Ms. Breen to secure the services of the Attorney General's office.

In the alternative, you may waive the review conference and submit the appeal in writing. You may either rely on the materials you have already provided or submit additional documentation or arguments that you wish to have considered. If the latter option is selected, I will send you a letter outlining the time lines for the school's submission of materials, and for the Department's response. Based on the materials and arguments submitted by each side, either at a review conference or by mail, I will make my recommendation to the State Superintendent.

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Please inform me, in writing, by December 29, 2016, of which option you prefer. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Administrative Law at (517) 373-8369.

Sincerely,



Robert Taylor
Office of Administrative Law

cc: Leah Breen, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services ✓